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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.